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Dear DOJ, I support a speedy and non-punitive end to the Microsoft litigation, and if the settlement facilitates that, I support it. I definitely do NOT want to see Microsoft broken up, nor heavy penalties exacted from the firm. I do not hold the position that they did "nothing wrong". The company was a hardball competitor and employed some very unsavory tactics. The settlement should make it clear exactly what sort of behavior they are to refrain from in the future. But I do not believe that they knowingly broke the law, and don't believe they should be severely punished. I also believe the Government has a long history of confusing "protecting competition" with protecting competitors. Slap Microsoft's wrist, clearly spell out what they are not to do, and be done with it. If possible, stop the states from pursuing the matter further as well. Thank You!

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